

What is claimed is:

1. A diode comprising:

a second conductive type impurity region formed by
diffusing a second conductive type impurity of high
5 concentration on a front surface of a silicon substrate having
a first conductive type impurity of low concentration;

a first conductive type impurity region formed by
diffusing a first conductive type impurity of high concentration
on the front surface of the silicon substrate so as to surround
10 the second conductive type impurity region with a predetermined
width of a separation area apart from the second conductive
type impurity region;

an interlayer dielectric formed so as to cover the front
surface of the silicon substrate on which the first and second
15 conductive type impurity regions are formed;

a first metal interconnect layer formed on the second
conductive type impurity region and the separation area through
the interlayer dielectric and electrically connected to the
second conductive type impurity region through a connecting
20 hole disposed in the interlayer dielectric; and

a second metal interconnect layer formed so as to almost
fully cover the first conductive type impurity region through
the interlayer dielectric and electrically connected to the
first conductive type impurity region through a connecting hole
25 disposed in the interlayer dielectric.

2. The diode according to claim 1, wherein the first metal interconnect layer is formed so as to fully cover a border area between the first conductive type impurity region and the separation area through the interlayer dielectric.

5 3. A diode comprising:

a second conductive type impurity region formed by diffusing a second conductive type impurity of high concentration on a front surface of a silicon substrate having a first conductive type impurity of low concentration;

10 a first conductive type impurity region formed by diffusing a first conductive type impurity of high concentration on the front surface of the silicon substrate so as to surround the second conductive type impurity region with a predetermined width of a separation area apart from the second conductive
15 type impurity region;

an electrode formed in the front surface of the separation area of the silicon substrate through an insulating film;

an interlayer dielectric formed so as to cover the front surface of the silicon substrate on which the first and second
20 conductive type impurity regions and the electrode are formed;

a first metal interconnect layer formed on the second conductive type impurity region through the interlayer dielectric and electrically connected to the second conductive type impurity region and the electrode through a connecting
25 hole disposed in the interlayer dielectric; and

a second metal interconnect layer formed so as to almost fully cover the first conductive type impurity region through the interlayer dielectric and electrically connected to the first conductive type impurity region through a connecting hole
5 disposed in the interlayer dielectric.

4. The diode according to claim 3, wherein the electrode is formed as a predetermined distance apart from the first conductive type impurity region.